Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Evangeline "Eva" Geis Young was born on January 11, 1906, to Frank and Etta Geis on the Sour Dough Flats 10 miles west of Belle Fourche, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Eva was educated at a country school, self taught in many areas and keeps up with current events even with diminished eyesight; and,

Whereas, Eva and her husband, Alfred, operated a dry cleaning business, were the parents of a son, James, and Eva also found time to be the caretaker of her mother, ailing neighbors and others, as needed; and,

Whereas, Eva lived in the same house for 73 years, and is known for her sharp mind and fantastic memory; and,

Whereas, Eva will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on January 15, 2006, at the First Western Bank in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State